

PH.D. IN HIGHER EDUCATION BROWN BAG SERIES

“Pressing Issues Facing Community Colleges, and the Research Needed to Help Leaders Better Respond to Them”

Now more than ever, Community College Leaders need research-based solutions to the challenges facing their institutions. In this Brown Bag, we will share perspectives on research to help with pressing issues in community colleges today including how to address the role of colleges in students' career development from an equity standpoint, as well as a broad review of the immediate research needs of college leaders trying to make changes on their campuses.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE GSE LECTURE HALL,
ROOM 124**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022 AT 12PM

10 Seminary Place

New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

Or via Zoom: <https://go.rutgers.edu/akxs5s0j>

Pizza & refreshments will be served!

Featured Speakers



DR. MICHELLE VAN NOY

Michelle Van Noy is the Director of the Education and Employment Research Center at the School of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. She has over 20 years of experience conducting research on education and the workforce focused on credentials, community colleges, and connections between higher education and the labor market. She is currently leading studies on technician education and economic development, quality in community college noncredit education non-degree credentials, student decision making about programs and careers, higher education labor market alignment, and effective practices in workforce education. Before joining EERC, Dr. Van Noy conducted research at the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers, the Community College Research Center at Teachers College, Columbia University, and Mathematica Policy Research. She holds a Ph.D. in sociology and education from Columbia University, a M.S. in public policy from Rutgers, and a B.A. in psychology and Spanish from Rutgers.



DR. LAWRENCE A. NESPOLI

Dr. Lawrence A. Nespoli is former President of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC), the statewide coordinating organization for New Jersey's community colleges. New Jersey's community colleges presented him with the inaugural New Jersey Community College Legacy Award in 2018, in recognition of the many contributions he made to New Jersey's community colleges and its students while serving as president for 27 years. In addition to the Legacy Award, the NJCCC also created the Lawrence Nespoli Community College Leadership Award, which is presented each year to an outstanding NJ community college leader. Dr. Nespoli is now a faculty member in higher education and community college leadership doctorate programs at Rutgers University, the University of Maryland Global Campus, New Jersey City University, and Rowan University and serves as a consultant to numerous community college boards of trustees in several states. He is also a proud member of the board of trustees at his local community college, Mercer County Community College in New Jersey, and through the college's foundation has funded an endowed scholarship, the Deborah and Lawrence Nespoli Scholarship, in his late wife Debbie's memory.



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